

HOUSE BILL 1877

By Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36,  
relative to domestic violence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-4-121, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

( ) If an order of protection issued in or recognized by this state has been in effect or there is a court finding of domestic abuse or any criminal conviction involving domestic abuse within the marriage that is the subject of the proceeding for divorce, the court shall attribute any debt owed for any batterers' intervention or rehabilitation programs to the abuser only.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to divorce actions commenced on or after such date.